

People travel from far and wide seeking the town's beautiful mountain vistas, fine hotels and inns, rustic covered bridges, campgrounds, and lakes. Many years ago, snow trains would stop in Plymouth, providing skiers and adventurers headed for the White Mountains with a place to stay at the inns found throughout the town. While enjoying the sights, guests could visit the Draper and Maynard sporting goods store, where Babe Ruth himself would travel to purchase baseball equipment. They could pick up a pair of buck gloves, courtesy of the prestigious glove industry that defined Plymouth's early years. Or, they could visit Plymouth State University to enjoy a collection of letters and works written by a frequent visitor to the White Mountains, Robert Frost.

During the academic year, the population of Plymouth doubles as bustling students fill the historic streets. These students return to experience one of New England's finest universities, where a campus-wide focus on environmental issues and sustainable initiatives has become an integral part of the student experience.

While 250 years have come and gone in Plymouth, the town's focus on education and innovation has set a course of prosperity for countless years to come. On July 20th, the town will officially mark its two and a half centuries with a community-wide celebration. As local citizens enjoy fireworks, dances, concerts, and other festivities to mark this auspicious occasion, I urge all Granite Staters and all Americans to join them in honoring this special town.

IN HONOR OF THE COMMUNITY
BAPTIST CHURCH ON THEIR 50TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Community Baptist Church on their 50th year anniversary. The church was started on March 3, 1963 by Reverend Wilmer Wright when they began holding services in a corner barbershop in Bristol, PA. After twenty-four years of service, Reverend Wilmer Wright retired and his son, Joseph Wright, took over as their Pastor in 1987. The year 2013 marks the church's 50th anniversary, and they celebrated their year of jubilee from March 4, 2012 to March 3, 2013. Since 1963, services have been held in a number of locations where they have provided numerous opportunities for their community. They have Sunday school for all ages, Bible study groups, and various charity events, such as their Fashion Show and Silent Auction. The church is also very good at hosting events that include youth with their movie nights and a pep rally event. Throughout its fifty years, the church has been the heart of the community and has provided endless support for its members and the community as well.

IN HONOR OF DEPUTY CHIEF
CASSIE MCSORLEY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2013

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to honor the career of Deputy Chief Cassie McSorley, who is retiring after 30 years of service to the citizens of Salinas. Since joining the Salinas Police Department in 1983, Deputy Chief McSorley has worked at all levels of the department, including uniformed patrol, DUI enforcement, field training, Narcotics, and Special Operations.

Deputy Chief McSorley was raised in Salinas and attended North Salinas High School before going on to earn a bachelor's degree in Administration of Justice from San Jose State University. She completed graduate studies at the University of San Francisco in Organizational Development. She joined the Salinas Police Department as a patrol officer and a member of the DUI enforcement team before being promoted to Corporal, where she served as a Field Training Officer and a detective in the Vice/Narcotic Unit. She quickly advanced from Corporal to Sergeant, and then to Lieutenant. In 2003, she became Deputy Police Chief taking on various additional law enforcement responsibilities and ran a successful police department securing the streets of Salinas that are plagued by gangs. On many occasions when required, Deputy Chief McSorley has assumed the position of Acting Salinas Police Chief without hesitation.

Her long history of service to the department has included her role in establishing the first in-house training programs and specialized training teams; her work on Salinas' first hostage negotiation team; and her help in establishing the curriculum for the first Crisis Intervention Team training and policy development for Monterey County enforcement agencies.

Deputy Chief McSorley has always been deeply involved in the Salinas community, from the early community policing initiatives in the 10/20 Block and Acosta Plaza to more recent endeavors. She volunteers for many local causes and has served on a number of non-profit board of directors, including the Salinas Rotary Club, Sun Street Centers, Partners for Peace, Salinas Police Activities League, and others. One of her other noteworthy accomplishments was founding the Salinas Police Department Relay for Life team, serving as team captain in 2001 and 2002.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House and the entire law enforcement community in California as I commend Deputy Chief McSorley for all she has done for this community. I extend my most sincere thanks and warmest wishes for her success and much success and happiness in her retirement.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY
OF MOORPARK

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2013

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent the City of Moor-

park in the United States House of Representatives. Moorpark was recently named by the Kosmont-Rose Institute as one of the top ten most business friendly cities in California, which serves to attract new and innovative companies, creating high paying, high-skilled local jobs, that significantly contribute to Ventura County's diverse and vibrant economy.

From its start as a pastoral community built on hard work and rugged individualism, to a thriving community that celebrates its historical roots, Moorpark is the product of determined citizens coming together to establish a better way of life. The city's unique cultural fusion of arts, agriculture, community, family, education, and outdoor recreation make Moorpark an exceptionally desirable place to live. As the city's representative in Congress, I share Moorpark's commitment to protecting local open spaces and preserving the natural beauty of our region for future generations to cherish and enjoy.

I also share with Moorpark a steadfast dedication to education, and I will continue to work on behalf of the teachers and students of this outstanding school district. I believe that investing in our children's future is vital to perpetuating the growth and development of every community in Ventura County and across the nation. I would also like to commend Moorpark for fostering the success of Moorpark College, as I believe community colleges are critical to equipping the next generation with the skills required to excel.

Additionally, I commend the City of Moorpark for its dedication to assisting and memorializing our veterans, who have given immeasurably to our communities. The two memorials in the city are a testament to the important role that the men and women of our Armed Forces play in ensuring communities like Moorpark can thrive.

Once again, congratulations on Moorpark's 30th Anniversary! This is a fantastic accomplishment, and I could not be more proud and driven to work hard to represent the values of our community in Congress.

A TRIBUTE TO JAMIE BOERSMA

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa CEO Jamie Boersma of Clive for being named a 2013 "Characters Unite" award recipient by USA Network.

The Characters Unite program is a national public service initiative that aims to bridge cultural gaps and confront social injustices through the promotion of understanding and acceptance. Each year, this program honors individuals who go above and beyond by contributing "significant efforts to champion civil and human rights in their communities." Awardees are provided a \$5,000 grant for their individual projects and are featured on nationwide public service announcements to raise awareness for their cause and the program as a whole.

As CEO of Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa, Mrs. Boersma changes the lives of more than 15,000 girls and 4,000 adults in 70 counties that mostly comprise central and western

Iowa. Additionally, Jamie serves on the Board of Directors for the Rotary Club of Des Moines, is an active member of her church, and a wife and mother to her husband, Dale, and their son, Andrew. In all that she does, Jamie is truly an example that our state can be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Boersma's tireless efforts to make the world a better place have deservedly been recognized through her selection as a 2013 Characters Unite winner. Jamie is a testament to the humble, hardworking and helpful people who make up the great state of Iowa, and it is a great honor to represent her and her family in the United States Congress. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Mrs. Boersma on receiving this prestigious distinction, thanking USA Network and the Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa for their efforts, and wishing all of those involved in these wonderful programs continued success for years to come.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT 2013
TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS RE-
PORT

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2013

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, earlier today, the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held the second in a series of hearings on the Trafficking in Persons report and U.S. efforts to combat human trafficking. In April, the subcommittee took a close look at the records of 6 countries which had exhausted all of their allotted time on the Tier 2 Watch list and must, by law, be moved to Tier 2 or Tier 3 in this year's Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report.

As discussed by experts in the April 18 hearing, the trafficking records of China, Russia, and Uzbekistan were particularly worrisome. An upgrade to Tier 2 would have been completely unmerited and would have damaged the credibility of the TIP Report.

The TIP report was released late last month, and I was pleased to see that it is one of the best yet—and that it faithfully reported and graded the records of China, Russia, and Uzbekistan, which had been skirting accountability for far too long. Now, the Administration is faced with next steps including what sanctions might be imposed to press these nations to reform.

When I wrote the law—the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000—that created not only this report, but also the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons in the U.S. Department of State, and several other provisions to prevent both sex and labor trafficking, protect victims, and prosecute traffickers, it was hoped this report would become the international gold standard and primary means of anti-trafficking accountability around the world. It has. From the halls of parliaments globally to police stations in remote corners of the world, this report is today being used to focus anti-trafficking work in 186 countries.

But with the power of this report to improve situations came the risk that it could also be used to whitewash the truth about a country's trafficking record—it could fail to report accu-

rately and inadvertently give cover to negligent or complicit governments.

I am happy to say that the 2013 report is one of the best ever produced. Special thanks are especially in order for Ambassador Luis CdeBaca and his dedicated staff for faithfully highlighting the good, while exposing the bad and the ugly. The TIP report is faithful in and reflects the hard, meticulous work and leadership of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons. This office not only analyzes whether a country is complying with the minimum standards for the elimination of human trafficking, but also sets specific recommendations for how a country can move forward.

With this report, countries should have no question about where they rank, or how they can improve. Many countries have publically or privately credited the report as the impetus for real improvement in their trafficking laws and policies. Since the TIP report's inception, more than 130 countries have enacted anti-trafficking laws, and many countries have taken other steps required to significantly raise their tier rankings.

This year, China, Russia, and Uzbekistan finally have to confront their records. The report tells it like it is. For instance, the TIP report states that: "The Chinese government's birth limitation policy and a cultural preference for sons, create a skewed sex ratio of 118 boys to 100 girls in China, which served as a key source of demand for the trafficking of foreign women as brides for Chinese men and forced prostitution. Women from Burma, Malaysia, Vietnam, and Mongolia are transported to China after being recruited through marriage brokers or fraudulent employment offers, where they are subsequently subjected to forced prostitution or forced labor . . . Traffickers recruited girls and young women, often rural areas of China, using a combination of fraudulent job offers, imposition of large travel fees, and threats of physical or financial harm to obtain and maintain their service in prostitution."

Because tens of millions of girls have been systematically killed by sex selection abortion over the past three decades—resulting in an unprecedented number of "missing" women and girls—demand for prostitutes and so-called "brides" is exploding in China.

As a direct consequence of the barbaric one child per couple policy in effect since 1979, China has become the global magnet for sex traffickers. Women and young girls have been and are today still being reduced to commodities and coerced into prostitution. Without serious and sustained action by Beijing, it is only going to get worse.

The TIP Report also makes clear that "Chinese law remains inadequate to combat all forms of trafficking . . . and the Government of China's efforts to protect trafficking victims remained inadequate . . ." In addition, China's "government continued to perpetuate human trafficking in at least 320 state-run institutions."

I, along with Congressman FRANK WOLF, visited one of those state-run institutions in the early 1990's—Beijing Prison #1. We were shocked to observe the horrific conditions imposed on inmates including more than 40 Tiananmen Square human rights activists. The report makes clear that state-sponsored forced labor is part of a systemic form of repression known as "re-education through labor. The

government reportedly profits from this forced labor, and many prisoners and detainees . . ."

With this report, we have done right by the millions of trafficking victims in China. With this report, we are holding China to account for its complicity in profits off of modern-day slavery. It is my sincere hope that the truth will turn the tide in China.

However, I was disappointed to see that Vietnam was not downgraded to the Tier 2 Watch List or Tier 3. Vietnam's labor export companies—most of which are owned by or affiliated with the Government of Vietnam—have been engaged in practices that lead to debt bondage and forced labor. The Government of Vietnam has yet to pay millions of dollars in damages to Vietnamese labor trafficking victims found in the United States and its territories, as ordered by U.S. courts.

Vietnamese trafficking victims in other countries report that the Government of Vietnam sides with the traffickers to keep them in bondage when the victims seek help. Other reports indicate that the Vietnamese embassy in Russia is actively working with organized crime to enslave Vietnamese nationals in sweatshops and brothels, and the TIP report itself notes reports that officials at border crossings and checkpoints accept bribes from traffickers. Some notable trends in the 2013 include: Tier 1: 30 countries (as compared with 33 in 2012); Tier 2: 92 countries (as compared with 93 in 2012) Tier 2 Watch List: 44 countries (as compared with 42 in 2012); Tier 3: 20 countries (as compared with 17 in 2012).

The Africa region increased its prosecutions by 45% (labor prosecutions by 500%), its convictions by 16%, and its victim identification by 13%. Africa is the region with the greatest number of Tier 3 countries, and does not contain any Tier 1 countries.

The East Asia and Pacific region saw a 23% decrease in prosecutions, but a 28% increase in convictions and a slight increase in the number of victims identified. The number of victims identified remains alarmingly low (8,521) in a region where the International Labor Organization believes there are nearly 12 million enslaved individuals. The number of labor convictions (103) also remains extremely low in the region of the world most plagued by labor trafficking.

The Europe region saw a slight drop in prosecutions, but a 13% increase in convictions and a 17% increase in victims identified. The European region identified the most victims out of all regions in 2013.

The Near East region saw a 19% increase in prosecutions in 2012, and more than doubled its conviction rate (largely due to efforts in the United Arab Emirates). The Near East region also more than doubled its number of victims identified. This region has the greatest relative proportion of Tier 3 countries.

The South and Central Asia region saw slight, but appreciable increases in its prosecutions (7%), convictions (5%), and number of victims identified (13%). India, one of the first countries to be moved off of the Tier 2 Watch List under the TVPRA of 2008 two-year rule, maintained a questionable Tier 2 ranking for a second year. Out of nearly 2 billion people, only 4,415 victims were identified.

The Western Hemisphere region, in which the United States is included, prosecutions increased by 72%, and convictions increased by